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FROM AN OPERATING SYSTEM FOR USE BY AN APPLICATION  
PROGRAM

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Dear Examiner:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6.**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14.**Appendix A** begins on page 21.